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ROSARIO SETTLES INTO CHURCHILL DOWNS FALL MEET JOCKEY COLONY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021) – Following his victory aboard **Knicks Go** in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (Grade I), the nation's current leading rider in purse earnings, **Joel Rosario**, joined the regular Churchill Downs jockey colony Wednesday and plans to stay through the next 14 days of racing.

"We have to keep working hard no matter where we go," Rosario said. "I'm excited to be here and looking forward to riding the rest of the meet here."

Represented by **Ron Anderson**, Rosario has won 68 stakes races this year and is in pursuit of the late **Garrett Gomez**'s 2007 all-time mark of 76. Rosario has won 48 graded stakes, and the all-time mark is held by **Jerry Bailey**, which was 55 in 2003. Amazingly, Anderson represented Bailey and Gomez during their historic campaigns.

Rosario presence was immediately felt when entries were taken Wednesday for Saturday's 11-race program. The 36-year-old was named to ride in every race.

On Saturday, **Knicks Go** gave Rosario his 209th victory of the year. He's since won one additional race at Belmont on Sunday.

One day prior to **Knicks Go**'s Classic victory, Rosario rode 2-year-old filly **Echo Zulu** to a 5 1/4-length triumph in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI).

Rosario entered Thursday's nine-race card with more than \$30.8 million in purse earnings, about \$3.5 million ahead of **Irad Ortiz Jr.**

BELL'S THE ONE MADE 7-5 FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S DREAM SUPREME – Lothenbach Stables' five-time graded stakes winner **Bell's the One** was tabbed as the 7-5 morning line favorite in Saturday's 16th running of the \$300,000 Dream Supreme at Churchill Downs.

The six-furlong Dream Supreme will go as Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 5:36 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 1 p.m.

Bell's the One will enter the Dream Supreme following a narrow victory in the \$250,000 Thoroughbred Club of America (Grade II) at Keeneland. Trained by **Neil Pessin**, the brilliant 5-year-old mare has a record of 10-4-2 in 21 starts with purse earnings of \$1,336,825.

In 18 of her previous races, **Bell's the One** was never made the favorite. However, the daughter of Majesticperfection garnered respect from bettors in her last three starts when she was sent off as the post time favorite.

Chief among her rivals in the Dream Supreme is **Lloyd Madison Farm**'s multiple graded stakes winning homebred **Sconsin**. Trained by **Greg Foley**, **Sconsin** was made the slight 9-5 second choice on **Mike Battaglia**'s morning line odds. **Sconsin** defeated **Bell's the One** by a half-length in their most recent meeting, the \$300,000 Open Mind. Previously, **Bell's the One** got the better of **Sconsin** by three-quarters of a length in the \$110,000 Roxelana.

Here's the complete field from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Blinkers** (Armando Martinez, Kelli Martinez, 50-1); **Elle Z** (Mitchell Murrill, Chris Hartman, 8-1); **Vintage Ready** (John McKee, Eric Reed, 30-1); **Sconsin** (Tyler Gaffalione, Foley, 9-5); **Club Car** (Joel Rosario, Ben Colebrook, 4-1); **Bell's the One** (Corey Lanerie, Pessin, 7-5); and **Frank's Rockette** (Florent Geroux, Bill Mott, 9-2).

MAXFIELD WORKS FIVE FURLONGS IN :59.60 FOR CLARK – Godolphin's multiple graded stakes winner **Maxfield** continued his serious preparation for the \$750,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare (Grade I) with a sharp five-furlong move in :59.60 Thursday morning at Churchill Downs.

The **Brendan Walsh**-trainee worked in company with stablemate **Longpants Required**, who completed five furlongs in 1:00.20.

The 147th running of the Clark will take place Friday, Nov. 26. The closing-week stakes bonanza begins on Thanksgiving with the 106th running of the \$500,000 Falls City (GII) for fillies and mares 3-years-old and up. The 1 1/8-mile event is expected to include **Juddmonte**'s two-time graded stakes winner **Bonny South**. Saturday's "Stars of Tomorrow II" program for 2-year-olds is headlined by the 95th running of the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) at 1 1/16 miles for open company and 78th renewal of the \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII) at 1 1/16 miles for fillies. The program will also include the debut of two new six-furlong sprint stakes, the \$200,000 Lively Shively for open company and the \$200,000 Fern Creek for fillies.

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Nominations to all six races close Saturday. Owners and trainers can nominate by calling assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork** at (502) 638-3806.

TV SCHEDULE – Racing from Churchill Downs will air each race day on the Churchill Downs LIVE app. The app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Most races also will be covered on the Fox Sports family of networks as part of “America’s Day at the Races.” Here is the updated TV schedule for racing this week:

- Thursday: 12-5:30 p.m., Fox Sports 2
- Friday: 12-5:30 p.m., Fox Sports 2
- Saturday: 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Fox Sports 2
- Sunday: 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., Fox Sports 2

PDJF BENEFIT FRIDAY NIGHT AT VFW – A benefit for the **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund** (PDJF) will be held Friday at 6 p.m. at the **V.F.W. Post 6182** across the street from Churchill Downs at 992 Longfield Ave. in Louisville. There will be guest jockey bartenders, live music from the **Stormin Norman Bluegrass Band**, food, 50/50 games and prizes.

FREE CHURCHILL DOWNS CALENDAR ON SATURDAY – A free **2022 Churchill Downs Calendar sponsored by Humana** will be given to the first 5,000 guests in attendance on Saturday, Nov. 13. The colorful calendar features major event listings and vivid and memorable images from the Kentucky Derby and around the historic racetrack.

FORMER CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK PRESIDENT FLANERY TO BE HONORED SATURDAY NIGHT WITH KTO’S WARNER JONES AWARD – Kevin Flanery, who retired as the 13th Churchill Downs Racetrack President last December, will be honored Saturday with the **Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year Award** at the **Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners’ 33rd annual awards gala** at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$125, which include dinner and drinks, by contacting Marlene Meyer at (502) 458-5820.

The award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to Kentucky racing and sharing the passion exemplified by Jones, who spent 50 years on the Churchill Downs board, including eight as chairman during the iconic track’s resurgence. Warner Jones – the first, and so far only breeder of a Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Breeders’ Cup winner – was the inaugural award winner in 1988, six years before his death.

Steve Asmussen, the 2020 recipient, also will be honored because last year’s event was not able to be staged.

LOUISVILLE THOROUGHBRED SOCIETY TO HOST CHILI ON THE TERRACE SATURDAY NIGHT – The **Louisville Thoroughbred Society** in downtown Louisville will host “**Chili on the Terrace**” on Saturday from 6-11 p.m. The event will be held in memory of the late jockey **Miguel Mena**.

The Louisville Thoroughbred Society, a premier, private club with pari-mutuel betting machines, invites all trainers and jockeys and their families and friends to the event after the races at 209 E. Main St. No ticket is required. A complementary bowl of chili is included.

In addition to wagering, the Louisville Thoroughbred Society features a cigar humidor and lounge, a whiskey bar with rare bourbons, scotches and whiskeys and a rooftop fire pit for enjoyment.

For additional information, visit thelouisvillethoroughbredsociety.com or call the club at (502) 416-1282.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Racing continued Thursday at Churchill Downs with a first post of 1 p.m. There was a \$69,723 carryover in the 20-cent Derby City 6 in Races 4-9 and a \$3,224 carryover in the Super Hi 5 in Race 9. ... **Juddmonte’s Mandaloun**, who crossed the wire second in the Kentucky Derby (GI) behind **Medina Spirit**, has returned to Churchill Downs and galloped Thursday morning for trainer **Brad Cox**. The Into Mischief colt has been away from the races since he won the \$1 million Haskell (GI) via disqualification over **Hot Rod Charlie** on July 17. ... **First Responders Day** with free admission or a discounted \$29 ticket to Millionaires Row for active first responders is Sunday. ... For more information about the Fall Meet, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack (“CDRT”), the world’s most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.